

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) A browsing system comprising a digital camera and a printer, the printer providing to the digital camera an operation screen including an operation component for operating the printer as content to be browsed, and

the digital camera comprising browsing means for browsing the content, a display screen for displaying the operation screen as the content to be browsed, and operation means for receiving an instruction to operate the printer via the operation screen, wherein

the printer provides to the digital camera the operation screen comprising only an image including the operation component as the content to be browsed,

wherein the operation component comprises at least one of:

a button for selecting an operation command included in the operation screen, characters comprising the operation command,

and

a mark indicating an active area used in the case of a touch panel, and

wherein the printer operates based on the instruction received by the operation means of the digital camera;

wherein the operation screen has an image size suitable for display on a virtual screen of a predetermined size and has layout of the operation component defined by absolute coordinates in the image size and the digital camera displays the operation screen on the display screen by reducing or enlarging the operation screen according to a size of the display screen; and

wherein the operation screen comprises image data of JPEG format and the operation component is laid out in the operation screen by causing a boundary of the operation component in the operation screen to be located at a position corresponding to a multiple of the number of pixels in a compression block in the image data of the JPEG format.

2. (Previously Presented) The browsing system according to Claim 1, wherein the digital camera further comprises storage means for storing image data and control means for carrying

out procedures for display of the image data on the display screen and for selection from the image data.

3. (Original) The browsing system according to Claim 2, wherein the control means is activated for carrying out the procedure of selection from the image data when the operation means receives an instruction to start selection from the image data via an operation screen therefor.

4.-6. (Canceled).

7. (Original) The browsing system according to Claim 1, wherein the operation means comprises at least one of:

- a key or a button for selecting an operation command in the operation screen, and
- a touch panel for selecting the operation command by touching the operation screen.

8. (Canceled)

9. (Previously presented) The browsing system according to Claim 1, wherein the digital camera and the printer are connected to each other by wired connection.

10. (Previously presented) The browsing system according to Claim 1, wherein the digital camera and the printer are connected wirelessly to each other.

11. (Currently amended) A browsing system comprising a digital camera and a printer, the printer providing to the digital camera an operation screen including an operation component for operating the printer as content to be browsed, wherein the operation component comprises at least one of:
a button for selecting an operation command included in the operation screen, characters comprising the operation command,

and

a mark indicating an active area used in the case of a touch panel, and

the digital camera comprising browsing means for browsing the content, a display screen for displaying the operation screen as the content to be browsed, operation means for receiving an instruction to operate the printer via the operation screen, imaging means for obtaining image data by photography, storage means for storing the image data, and control means for carrying out procedures for display of the image data on the display screen and for selection from the image data, wherein

the control means is activated for carrying out the procedure for selection from the image data when the operation means receives an instruction to start selection from the image data via an operation screen therefor, and

wherein the printer operates based on the instruction received by the operation means of the digital camera;

wherein the operation screen has an image size suitable for display on a virtual screen of a predetermined size and has layout of the operation component defined by absolute coordinates in the image size and the digital camera displays the operation screen on the display screen by reducing or enlarging the operation screen according to a size of the display screen; and

wherein the operation screen comprises image data of JPEG format and the operation component is laid out in the operation screen by causing a boundary of the operation component in the operation screen to be located at a position corresponding to a multiple of the number of pixels in a compression block in the image data of the JPEG format.

12. (Original) An imaging apparatus comprising an imaging means for obtaining image data; and a compressing/decompressing means for compressing and decompressing the image data, for use as a client in the browsing system defined in claim 1, wherein:

in the case that the operation screen is compressed image data of the operation screen, the compressing/decompressing means decompresses the compressed image data of the operation screen.

13. (Original) An imaging apparatus comprising a compressing/decompressing means for compressing and decompressing image data obtained by photography, for use as a digital camera in the browsing system defined in claim 11, wherein:

in the case that the operation screen is compressed image data of the operation screen, the compressing/decompressing means decompresses the compressed image data of the operation screen.

14.-18. (Canceled).